

deemed necessary in the past. This is on Select File. It will have another hearing before it goes to final passage. I would hope between now and then that we will look at some increased fees to support this so that we can have some funds available to implement this program without those fees attached in some form to our revenue projections, or our revenue increase for this coming fiscal year. I will not be able to support the funding on LB 333 strictly as a general fund appropriation without some commensurate increases in the fee structure.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, a couple of questions of Senator Warner, if I may.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Warner, I guess the basic underlying principle to which I still have problems reconciling myself is the concept that now this government is going to enter into the business of establishing funds that eventually will be kind of on their own, or taking off on their own, establishing trust funds. Maybe this is not a new concept, but I guess that is my first question. Do you know of any other place in our government where we have heretofore established the principle of an accumulating fund that is of appropriating monies that we do not now presently need for the purposes of establishing a fund that takes off on its own then?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Beutler, the Veterans Aid Fund, which as I recall was established some time after World War II had somewhat the concept, the one adjustment was made in that fund that went from \$8 to \$12 million. I think the legislation that was enacted, if I remember correctly, was in '79, projected that \$1 billion per year was to be appropriated from the general fund to that trust fund. Over that four-year period actually it ran more than that because of revenue problems. I think last year was the final installment of \$250,000. In that particular fund it goes...it is administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, but it primarily is carried out by veterans service officers at the county level. During the appropriation process we do review the utilization of those funds, particularly in those years when they were asking for